(iii) non-receipt of project proposals from the project States and U.Ts.

(d) The allocation of funds for different schemes during the 7th Five Year Plan is not yet finalised.

T. V. Programems in local languages

479. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of television programmes in Hindi covering the non-Hindi speaking States to that in the local languages; and

(b) what steps Government are proposing to take to increase programmes in the local languages in each of these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Use of Fertilisers

480. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average of dose of fertiliser used for cultivation of rice, wheat, jute and other commercial crops;

(b) the extent to which these figures are comparable with those from countries like US, Japan; etc.,

(c) whether it is a fact that excess use of fertilisers has adversely affected the soil; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) There is no system of maintaining data on dosage of fertiliser used in different crops. However, All India estimated average fertiliser consumption in 1984-85 was 48.39 kg., the average consumption of fertiliser in some of the other countries is given below:—

Country	Consumption kg/ha (Arable land) 1982-83
India . . .	36.9
USA . . .	86.7
Japan . . .	412.1
China . . .	157.5
Egypt . . .	334.6

(c) and (d) in view of the consumption of fertiliser being low, the question does not arise.

Cultivation of summer paddy in Bihar

481. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the acreage of Garma-Dhan (paddy in summer) during the last three years in Bihar;

(b) what is the year-wise output; and

(c) whether there is my Scheme to expand the area under cultivation of Garma Dhan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) The acreage and output of Garma-Dhan (Summer rice) in

Bihar during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Area ('000 hr.)	Production ('000 tonnes)
1981-82	48.00	49.60
1982-83	50.70	57.00
1983-84	56 90	58.30

(c) Yes Sir, to bring increase in production and productivity of rice in the State, a special rice production programme as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented during the Seventh Five Year Plan which, inter-alia, aims at expanding the area under Summer rice.

Sugar prices in June, 1985

482: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA.
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether the retail price of sugar has risen in June 1985 to Rs. 7.20 per kilogram;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to bring the price in open market to the level of the prevailing price in early 1985?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The retail prices of sugar in important markets of Delhi, Kanpur, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras ranged from Rs. 6.20 to Rs. 7.20 per kg. in June, 1985 as against the price range of Rs. 5.50 to Rs. 6.50 per kg. during May 1985.

(c) The decline in sugar production to 59.16 lakh tonnes in 1983-84 season and to about 61 lakh tonnes in 1984-85 season from the record production of about 84 and 82 lakh tonnes in 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons and significant increase in internal consumption from 1981-82 season onwards has resulted in limited availability of indigenous sugar. It has, therefore, been decided to import 10 lakh tonnnes of sugar to augment the sugar supply and keep the prices at reasonable level in the market. The imported sugar is being allocated to the State Governments for being distributed in open market at below Rs. 6/- per kg. and is also being sold by auction/ tender by the Food Corporation of India. State Governments have been advised to ensure that the wholesale licensed dealers comply with the statutory provisions relating to stock holding limits, 10-day turn over period etc. and suitable action has also been taken for ensuring that the sugar factories under-take sales and despatches of free sale sugar in accordance with the statutory requirement. As a result of these measures as also adequate releases of free sale and levey sugar for internal consumption, the prices of sugar are expected to be maintained at reasonable levels.

Export of Wheat and ATTA

483. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to export wheat and atta;

(b) if so, the countries to which these food articles are proposed to be exported and the likely earnings in foreign exchange;

(c) whether the proposal is likely to increase the cost of these articles in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for exporting these commodities?